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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

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KRAVEN
THE
HUNTER!

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

WORRY NOT, FRANTIC ONE! IF THIS TANTALIZING TABLEAU MAKES YOU FEEL AS THOUGH YOU'VE JUST WALKED IN AT THE MIDDLE OF A MOVIE, THAT'S THE WHOLE IDEA!

IT'S SUPPOSED TO AROUSE YOUR INTEREST, EXCITE YOUR CURIOSITY, AND TITILLATE YOUR THIRST FOR... THE UNEXPECTED!

HOWEVER, NOW THAT WE GOT YOU TO READ THIS FAR, WE'D BETTER ADMIT THAT IT'S A FLASHBACK SCENE, SHOWING AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, WHILE THE GREEN GOBLIN WAS STILL FLYIN' HIGH! SO, LET'S JOIN THE PARTY AND SEE WHAT'S SHAKIN', SWEETIE...!

HAH! SPIDER-MAN THINKS KRAVEN IS FIGHTING HIM JUST FOR THE SHEER LOVE OF BATTLE!

BUT, LITTLE DOES THE WEB-SLINGING FOOL REALIZE THAT THE GREEN GOBLIN HAS PROMISED TO PAY THE HUNTER TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE DEATH OF SPIDER-MAN!

IF THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO, MASKED MAN, THE VICTORY IS AS GOOD AS MINE!

"IN THE HANDS OF THE HUNTER!"

A SWINGIN' SUPER-SPECIAL SPIDEY SAGA, BY:
STAN LEE and **JOHN ROMITA**
ABETTED and LETTERED BY: **SAM ROSEN**

EVEN AS THEY FOUGHT, KRAVEN WAS SO OBSESSED WITH THE THOUGHT OF THE \$20,000 HE HAD BEEN PROMISED, THAT HE COULD BARELY CONCENTRATE ON THE MATTER AT HAND...

HE'S BEEN WATCHING! HE SEES ME WINNING! THE MONEY'S AS GOOD AS MINE!

BUT, NOW SPIDER-MAN IS RAISING HIMSELF UP!

I DIDN'T THINK HE HAD THE STRENGTH!

THEN, MOMENTS LATER...

I WAS TOO CARELESS! BY DIVERTING MY ATTENTION, HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE ME!

BUT, I HAVE PROVEN THAT I AM HIS MASTER! THE NEXT ROUND WILL BE MINE!

AND, WHEN THE GREEN GOBLIN'S MESSENGER MEETS ME TONIGHT, I'LL DEMAND THE FIRST HALF PAYMENT OF MY MONEY!

AND SO... THE GOBLIN SAW ME BATTLE SPIDER-MAN... HE SAW HOW MUCH STRONGER I WAS... HOW MUCH MORE SKILLFUL! NOW I WANT MY FIRST PAYMENT!

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE PAYMENT... THE FULL AMOUNT... BUT NOT UNTIL SPIDER-MAN HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED!

THOSE ARE THE GREEN GOBLIN'S FINAL INSTRUCTIONS!

WHAT?!! DOES THE GOBLIN THINK HE CAN DICTATE TERMS TO KRAVEN?

LOOK... DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON ME, FELLA! I'M JUST HIS GO-BETWEEN!

IF YOU HAVE ANY GRIPEs, TELL 'EM TO MY BOSS!

I'LL DO MORE THAN TELL HIM! AFTER SPIDER-MAN FALLS, THE GREEN GOBLIN WILL BY MY NEXT VICTIM!

YOU'RE LIVING IN A FOOL'S PARADISE, CHUM! NOBODY CAN BEAT THE GOBLIN!

GET OUT! TELL HIM TO PAY ME... OR HE DIES!

BUT, NO SOONER DID THE UNKNOWN EMISSARY DEPART, THAN...

HOW EASY FOR THE GREATEST HUNTER OF ALL TO SILENTLY FOLLOW THE GOBLIN'S HIRLING!

SOONER OR LATER HE'LL CONTACT THE GOBLIN... AND WHEN HE DOES...

KRAVEN WILL HAVE HIS MONEY... AND HIS REVENGE!

NEFARIOUS NOTE: IN CASE YOU DON'T REMEMBER THIS STIRRING SEQUENCE FROM ISH #15 OR #34 (KRAVEN'S LAST TWO APPEARANCES), IT'S BECAUSE WE DIDN'T SHOW IT! AFTER ALL, WE CAN'T BLOW THE WHOLE BIT IN EVERY YARN!

--- SNEAKY STAN.

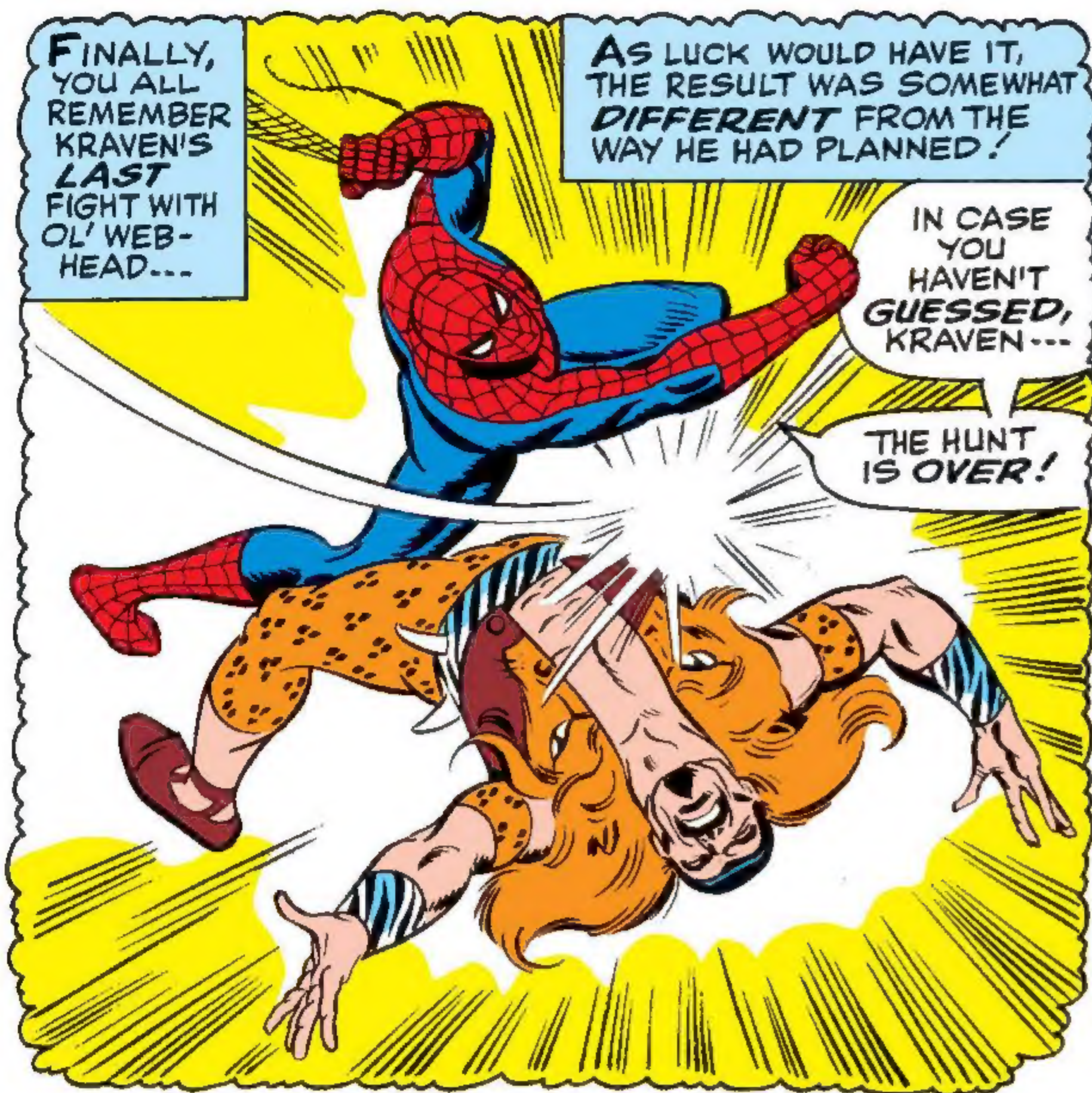
BUT, AS THE LONG UNEVENTFUL EVENING WORE ON...

NO SIGN OF THE GOBLIN! HE MUST NOT BE MEETING HIM TONIGHT!

BUT, AT LEAST I LEARNED THAT HIS MOUTHPIECE IS NORMAN OSBORN, THE RICH CHEMICAL MANUFACTURER!

THE GOBLIN MUST BE BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT TO HAVE A MILLIONAIRE LIKE HIM SERVING AS HIS FLUNKY!*

* TOO BAD KRAVEN NEVER READ ISH #40 LIKE WE DID, OR HE'D KNOW THAT OSBORN HIMSELF WAS THE GOBLIN.. RIGHT, TIGER? --YOU KNOW WHO!

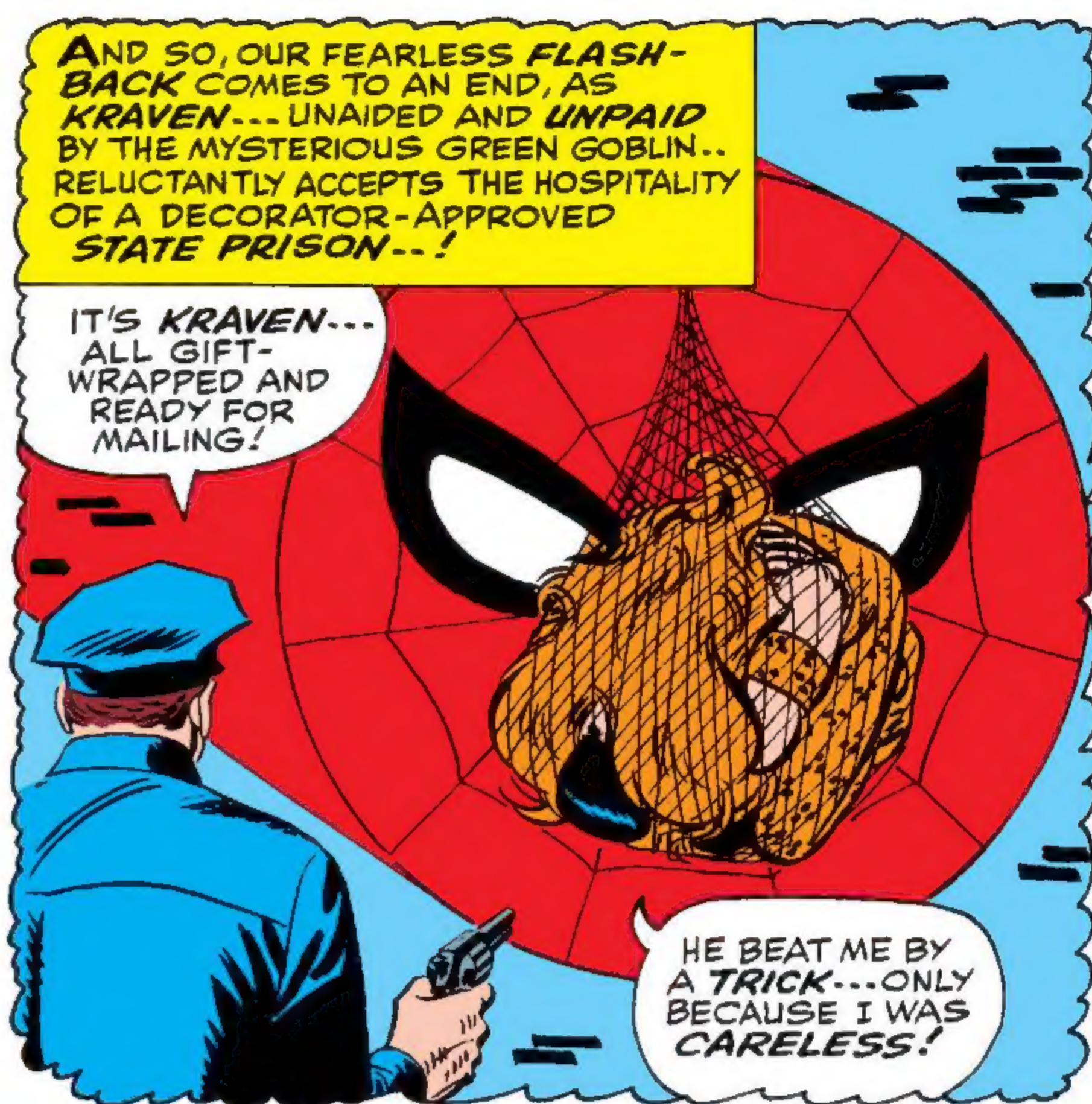


FINALLY, YOU ALL REMEMBER KRAVEN'S LAST FIGHT WITH OL' WEB-HEAD...

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THE RESULT WAS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY HE HAD PLANNED!

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T GUESSED, KRAVEN...

THE HUNT IS OVER!



AND SO, OUR FEARLESS FLASH-BACK COMES TO AN END, AS KRAVEN... UNAIDED AND UNPAID BY THE MYSTERIOUS GREEN GOBLIN... RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTS THE HOSPITALITY OF A DECORATOR-APPROVED STATE PRISON...!

IT'S KRAVEN... ALL GIFT-WRAPPED AND READY FOR MAILING!

HE BEAT ME BY A TRICK... ONLY BECAUSE I WAS CARELESS!



HAVING HAD MANY LONG, LONELY MONTHS OF CONFINEMENT IN WHICH TO REGRET HIS CARELESSNESS, WE NOW PICK UP THE THREADS OF OUR TANGLED TALE HERE IN THE PRESENT, AFTER OUR BESTIAL BADDIE HAS PAID WHAT IS LOOSELY REFERRED TO AS HIS DEBT TO SOCIETY...

SPIDER-MAN IS THE ONLY LIVING BEING WHO'S EVER DEFEATED ME!

I'LL NEVER REST UNTIL I'VE TOTALLY... AND COMPLETELY DESTROYED HIM!

BUT FIRST, I'LL TRACK DOWN THE GREEN GOBLIN! HE OWES ME SOMETHING FOR THE TIME I SPENT IN JAIL!



THEN, EFFORTLESSLY BREAKING INTO THE MORGUE ROOM OF THE DAILY BUGLE, KRAVEN TEARS THROUGH THE BACK ISSUES, UNTIL HE FINDS...

I'M TOO LATE! HE'S DEAD... AND SPIDER-MAN HAD A HAND IN IT!

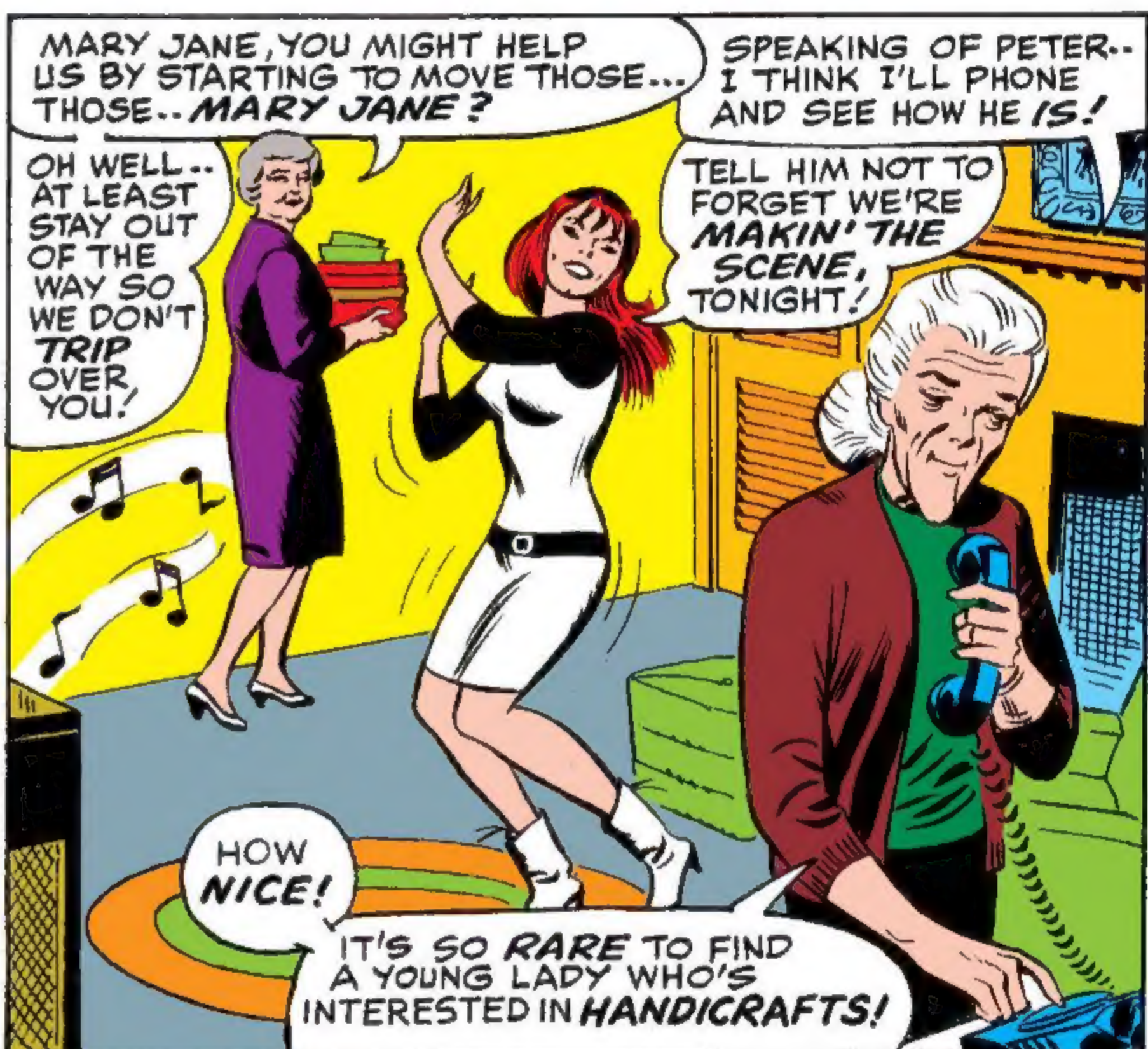
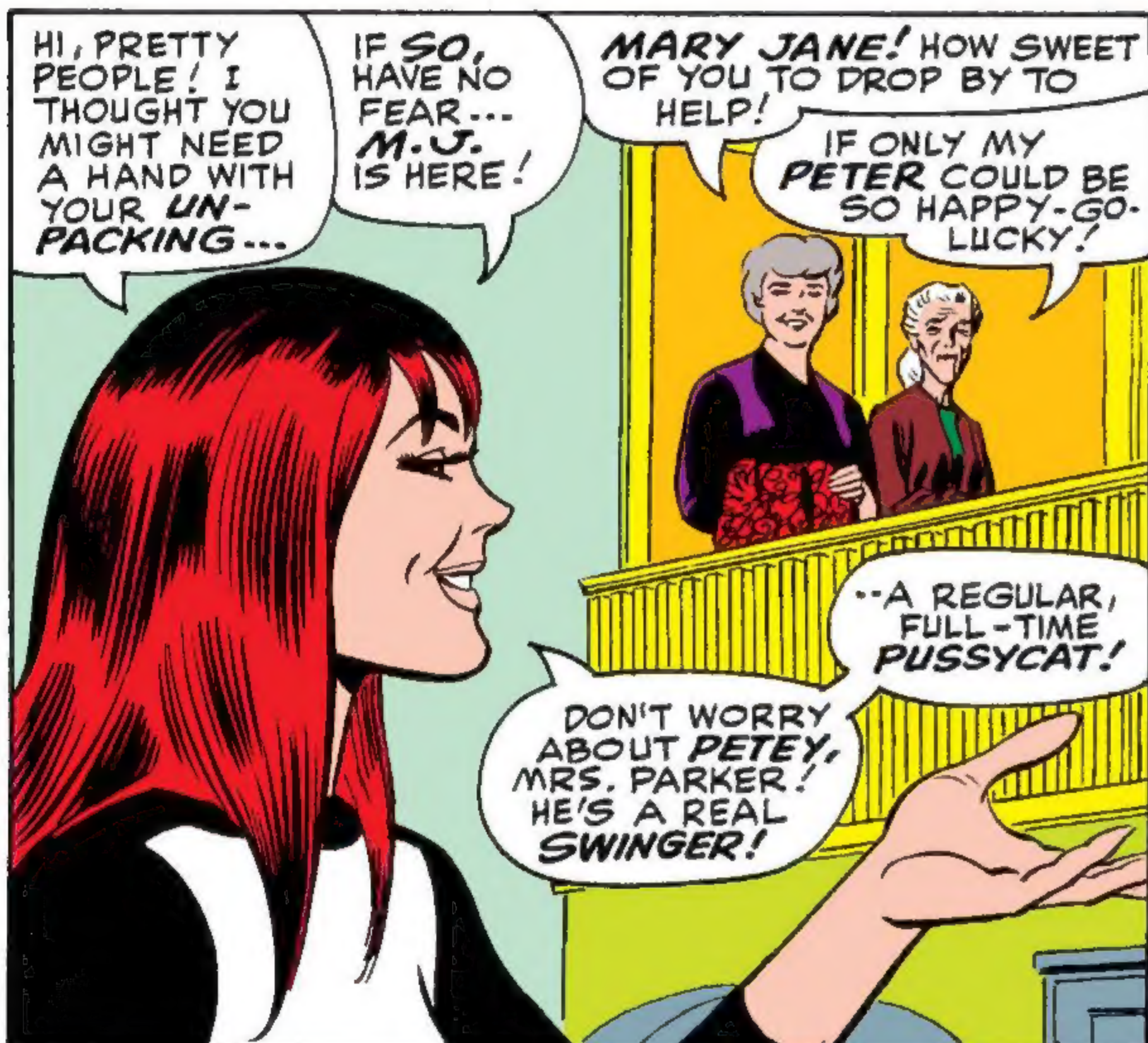
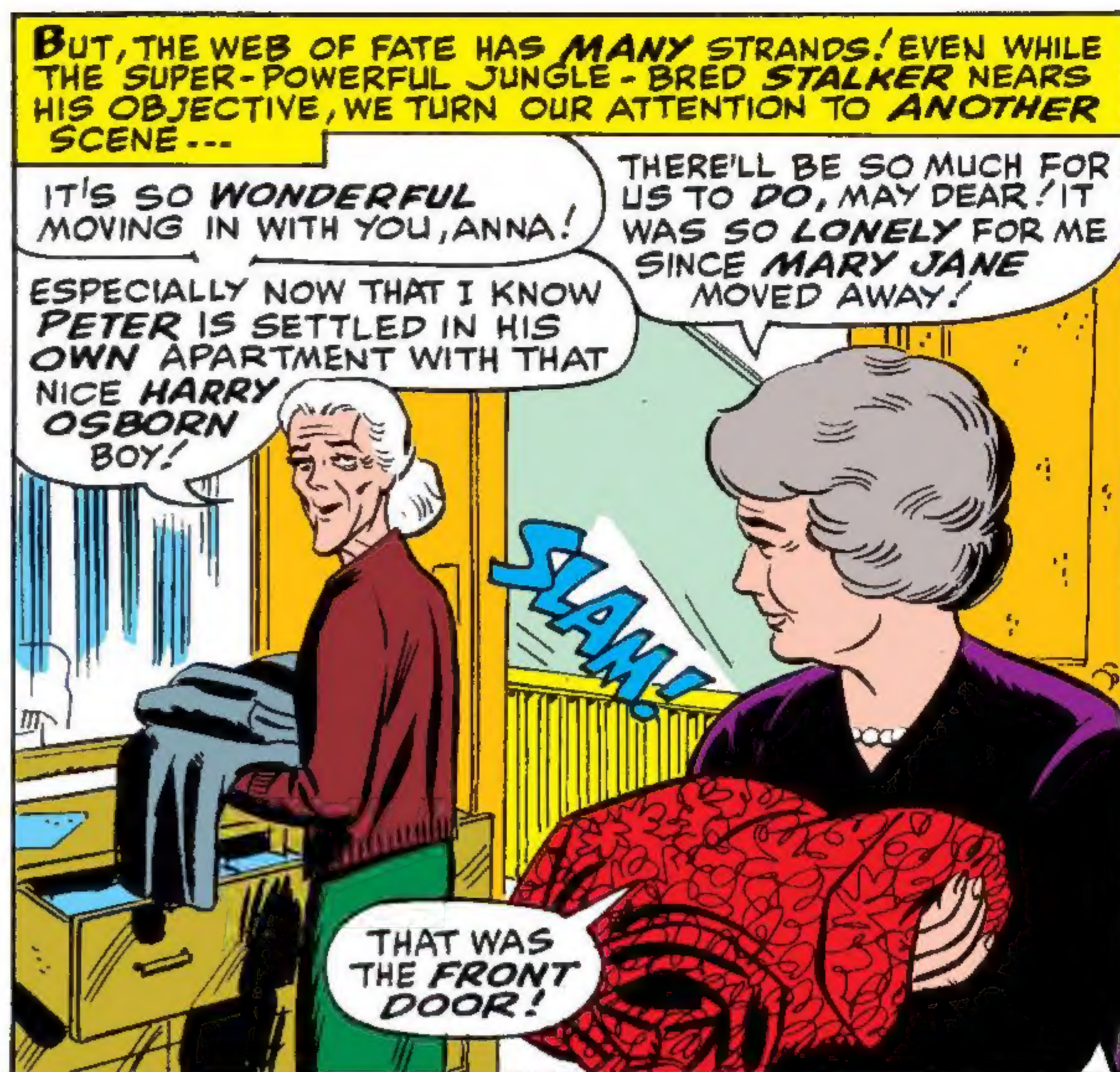
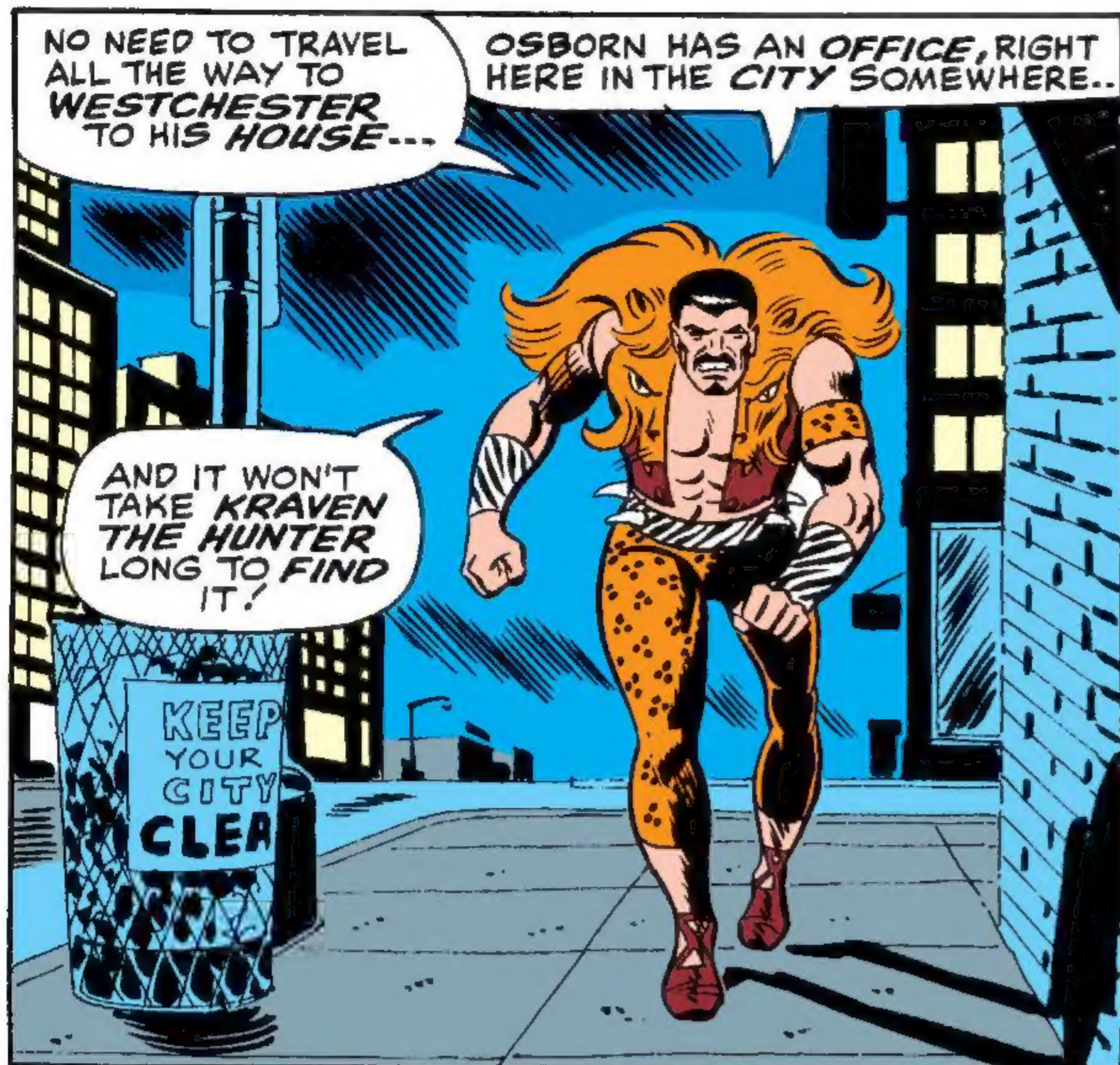


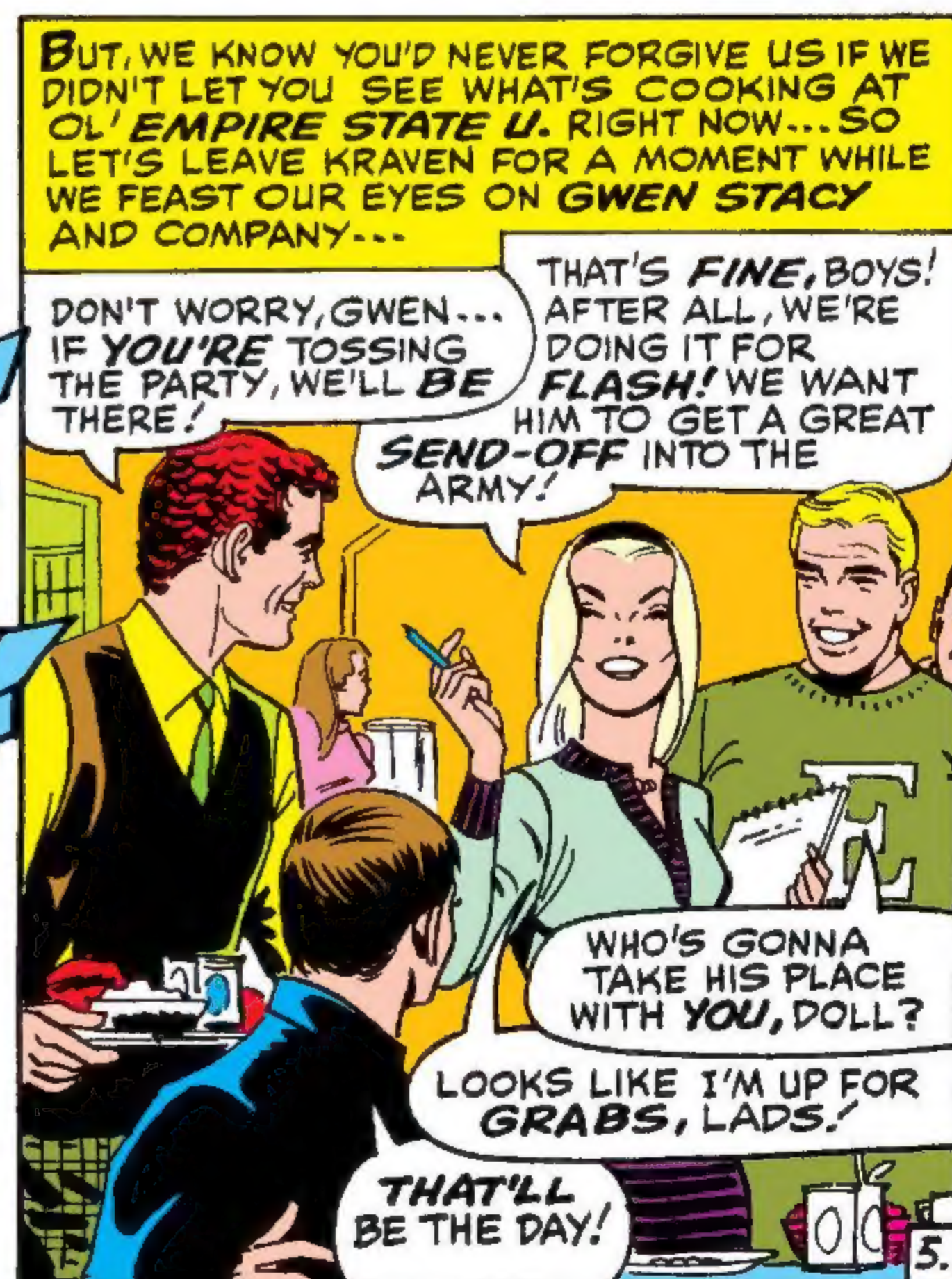
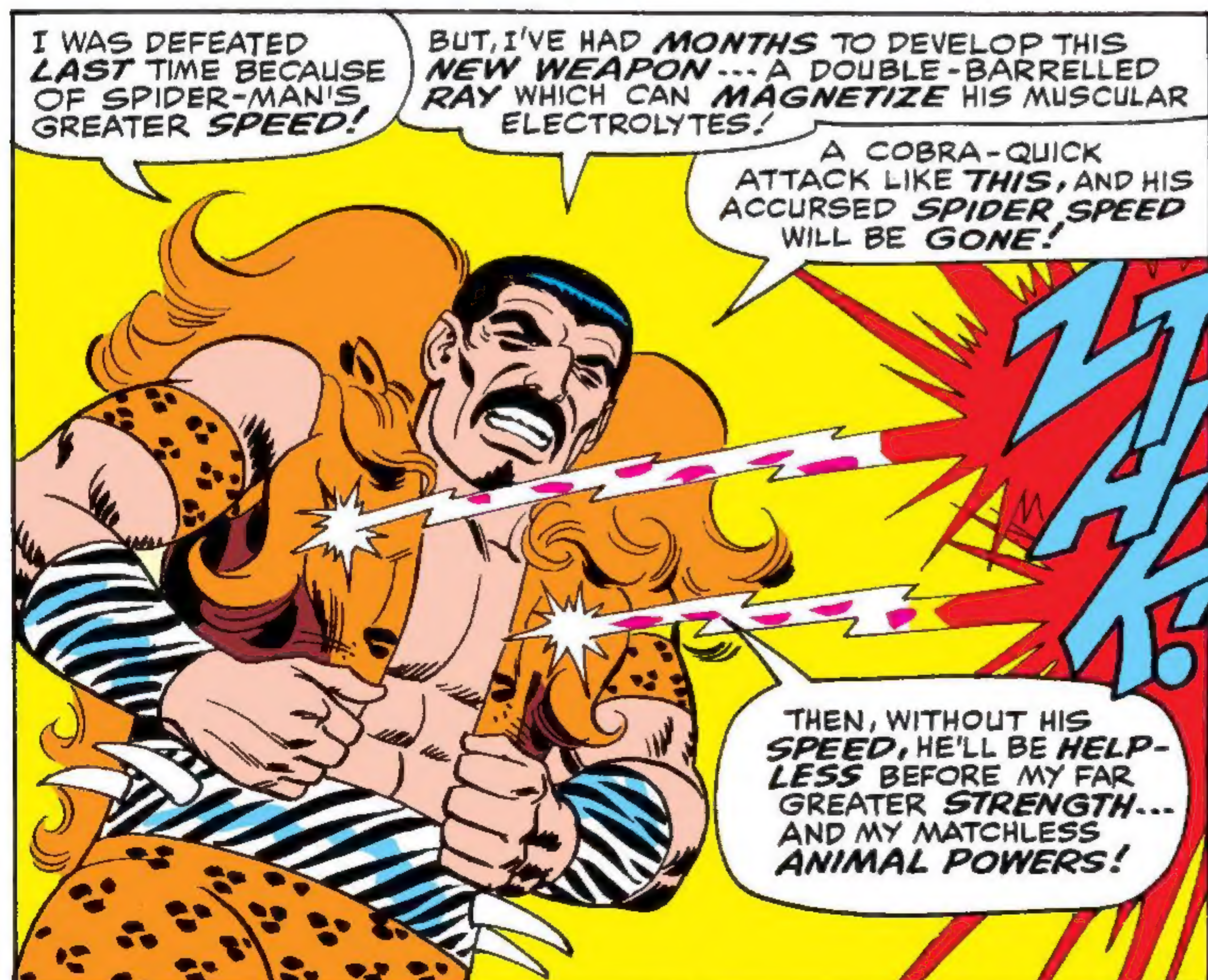
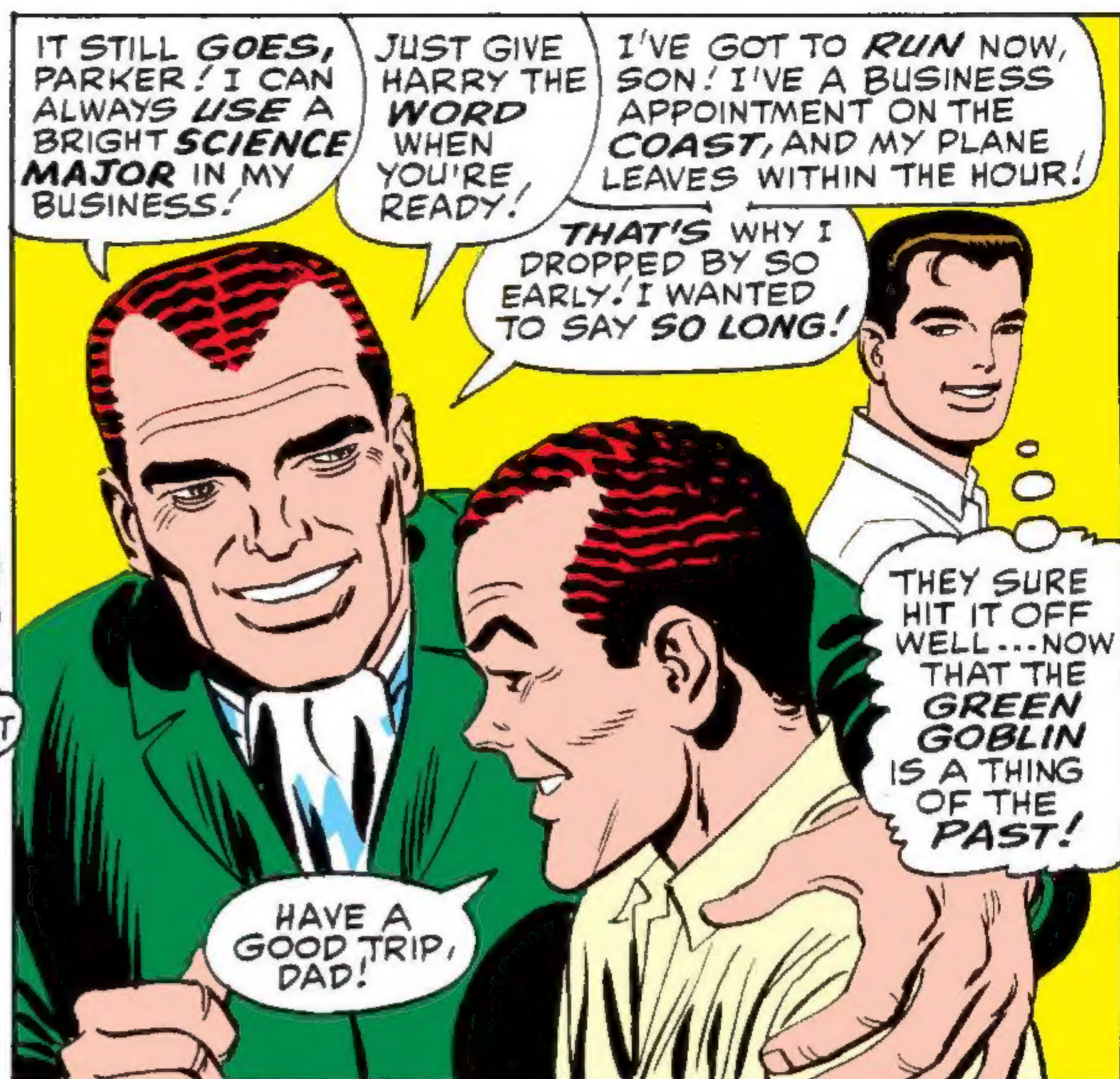
ONCE AGAIN THAT MASKED, WEB-SLINGING WEASEL HAS SPOILED MY PLANS!

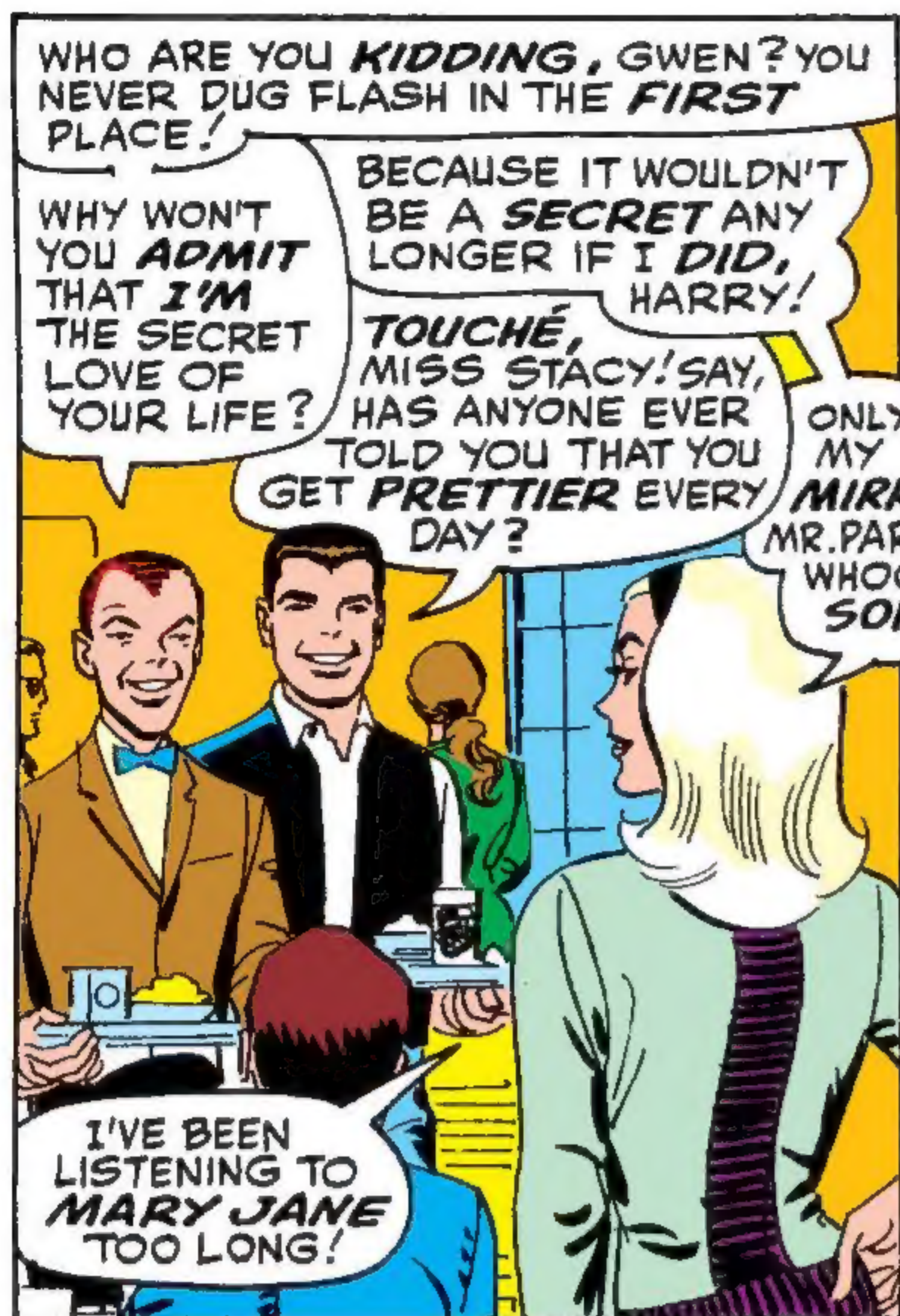
AND THIS TIME HE'LL PAY FOR IT... AND HE'LL PAY IN FULL!

BUT FIRST, I NEED MONEY... AND I KNOW JUST WHERE TO GET IT...!

NORMAN OSBORN... THE GOBLIN'S FLUNKY! HE'LL PAY MY PRICE... OR DIE!







WHO ARE YOU **KIDDING**, GWEN? YOU NEVER DUG FLASH IN THE **FIRST** PLACE!

WHY WON'T YOU **ADMIT** THAT I'M THE SECRET LOVE OF YOUR LIFE?

BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T BE A **SECRET** ANY LONGER IF I **DID**, HARRY!

TOUCHE, MISS STACY! SAY, HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU GET **PRETTIER** EVERY DAY?

ONLY MY **MIRROR**, MR. PARKER! WHOOPS... **SORRY!**

I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO **MARY JANE** TOO LONG!



OH, SPEAKING OF MARY JANE... IF YOU'D LIKE TO BRING HER TO THE **PARTY**, YOU MAY!

THINGS SHOULD REALLY BE **SWINGING** BY ABOUT EIGHT... ESPECIALLY WITH **HER** THERE!

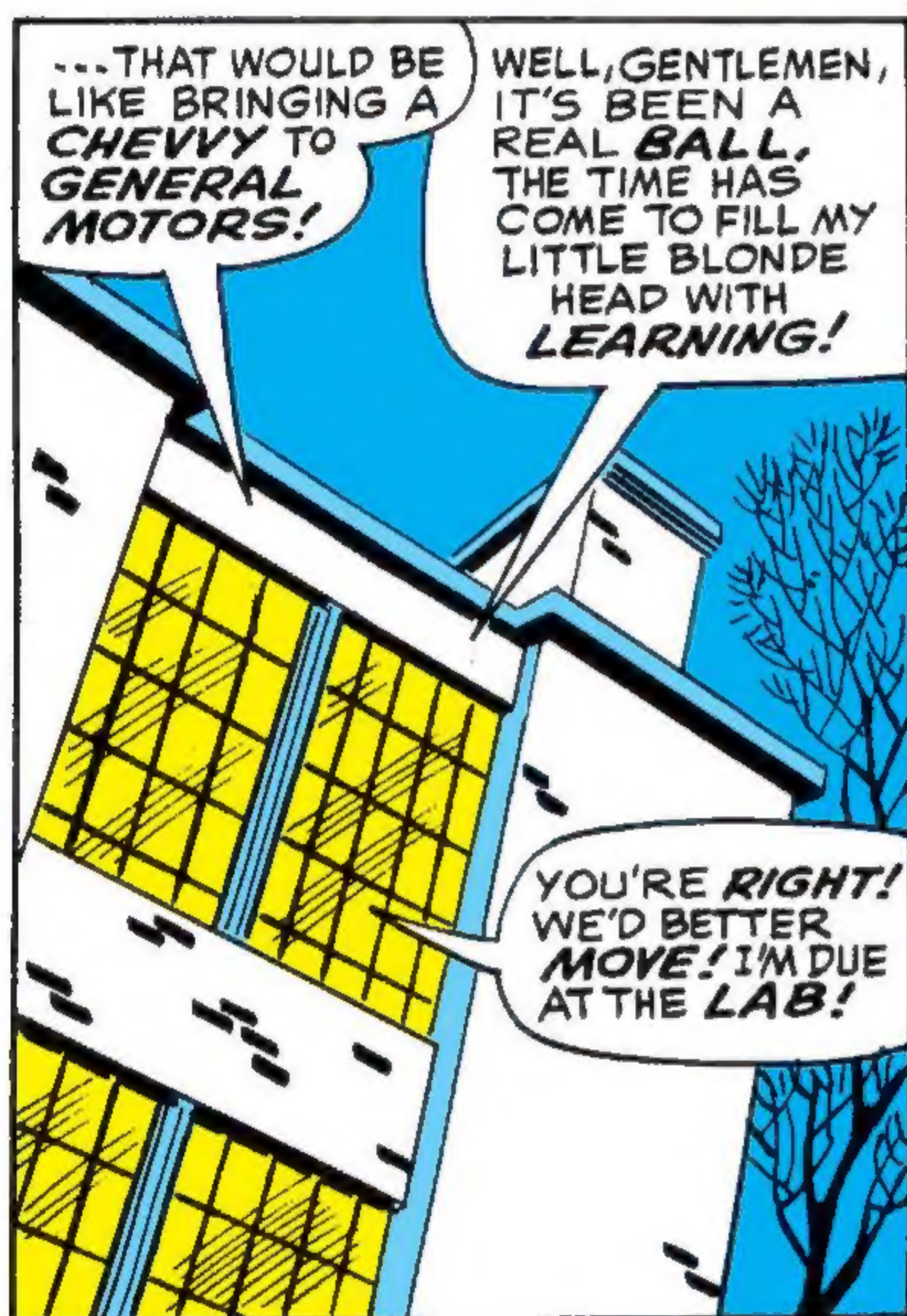


THANKS, GWEN! I'M SURE M.-J. WOULD GET A BIG **KICK** OUT OF IT!

GWEN DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME A **CHANCE** TO ASK IF **SHE'D**... AWW, WHAT'S THE USE? TO **HER**, I'M JUST ANOTHER GUY NAMED **PETE**!

WILL YOU BE BRINGING A DATE, HARRY?

WITH YOU THERE, DOLL...?



...THAT WOULD BE LIKE BRINGING A **CHEVY** TO **GENERAL MOTORS**!

WELL, GENTLEMEN, IT'S BEEN A REAL **BALL**, THE TIME HAS COME TO FILL MY LITTLE BLONDE HEAD WITH **LEARNING**!

YOU'RE **RIGHT**! WE'D BETTER **MOVE**! I'M DUE AT THE **LAB**!



SAY, GWEN... HOW ABOUT A **SODA** AFTER CLASS WHILE WE COMPARE SOME NOTES ON ENGLISH LITT? I'M AFRAID I'VE GOTTEN A LITTLE **RUSTY**!

OH, **BRO-THER**! HE WALKS AWAY WITH TOP HONORS IN EVERY CLASS... AND HE'S **RUSTY**!

SO WHAT DOES THAT MAKE A GUY LIKE **ME**?

COME TO **THINK** OF IT... DON'T **ANSWER** THAT!

WHAT DO YOU **SAY**, GWEN?

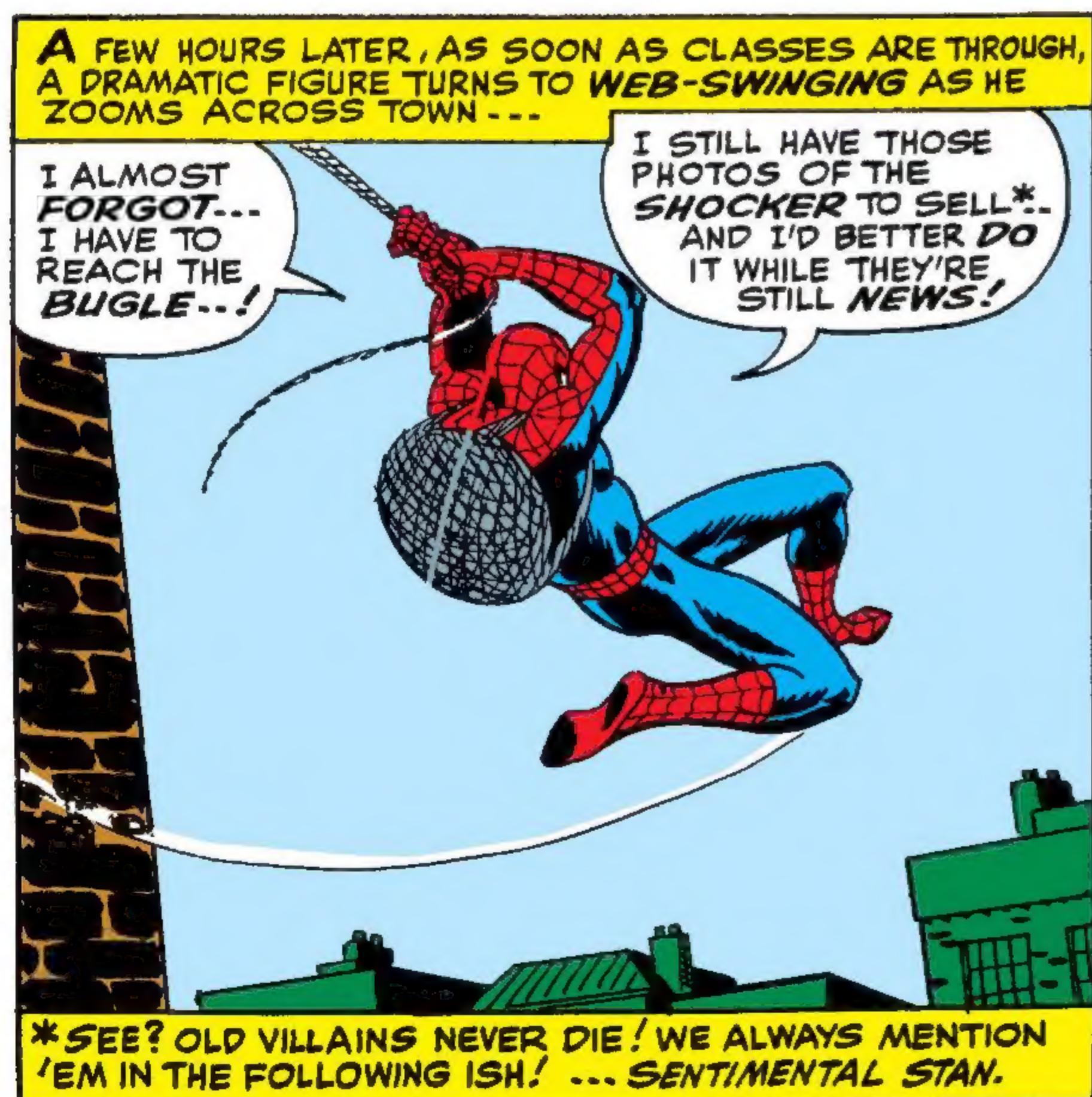


SORRY, PETE! I'LL BE BUSY GETTING THINGS READY FOR FLASH'S **PARTY**!

FACE IT, PARKER! YOU **DESERVED** THAT! WHEN GWEN **WANTED** TO BE FRIENDLY, I WAS NEVER AROUND!

I'M SURE **MARY JANE** CAN HELP YOU BRUSH UP ON YOUR NOTES!

YEAH, SURE GWEN. NO SWEAT! SEE YOU LATER!

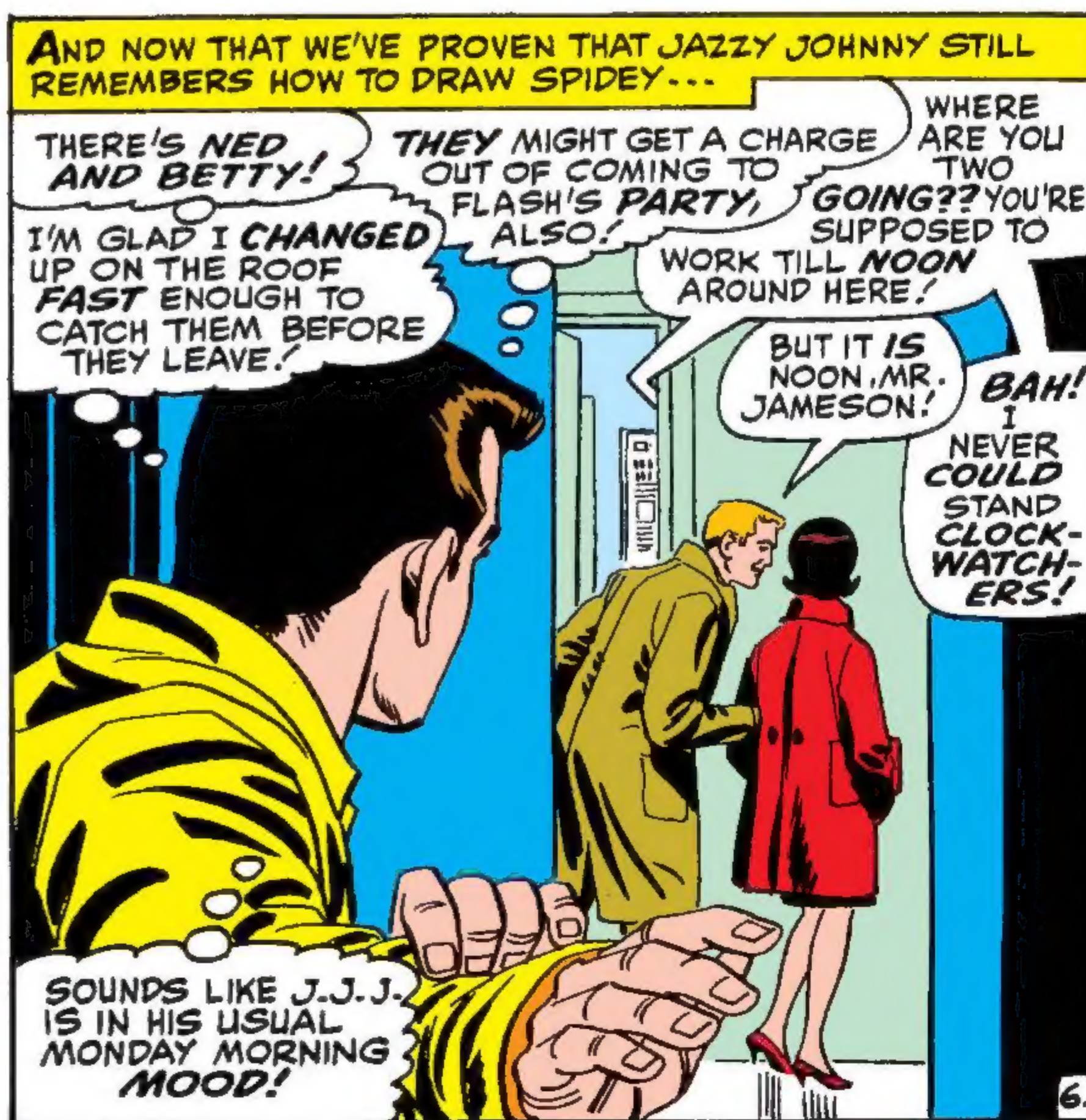


A FEW HOURS LATER, AS SOON AS CLASSES ARE THROUGH, A DRAMATIC FIGURE TURNS TO **WEB-SWINGING** AS HE ZOOMS ACROSS TOWN...

I ALMOST **FORGOT**... I HAVE TO REACH THE **BUGLE**...!

I STILL HAVE THOSE PHOTOS OF THE **SHOCKER** TO SELL*... AND I'D BETTER DO IT WHILE THEY'RE STILL **NEWS**!

*SEE? OLD VILLAINS NEVER DIE! WE ALWAYS MENTION 'EM IN THE FOLLOWING ISH! ... **SENTIMENTAL STAN**.



AND NOW THAT WE'VE PROVEN THAT JAZZY JOHNNY STILL REMEMBERS HOW TO DRAW **SPIDEY**...

THERE'S **NED** AND **BETTY**!

I'M GLAD I **CHANGED** UP ON THE ROOF FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH THEM BEFORE THEY LEAVE!

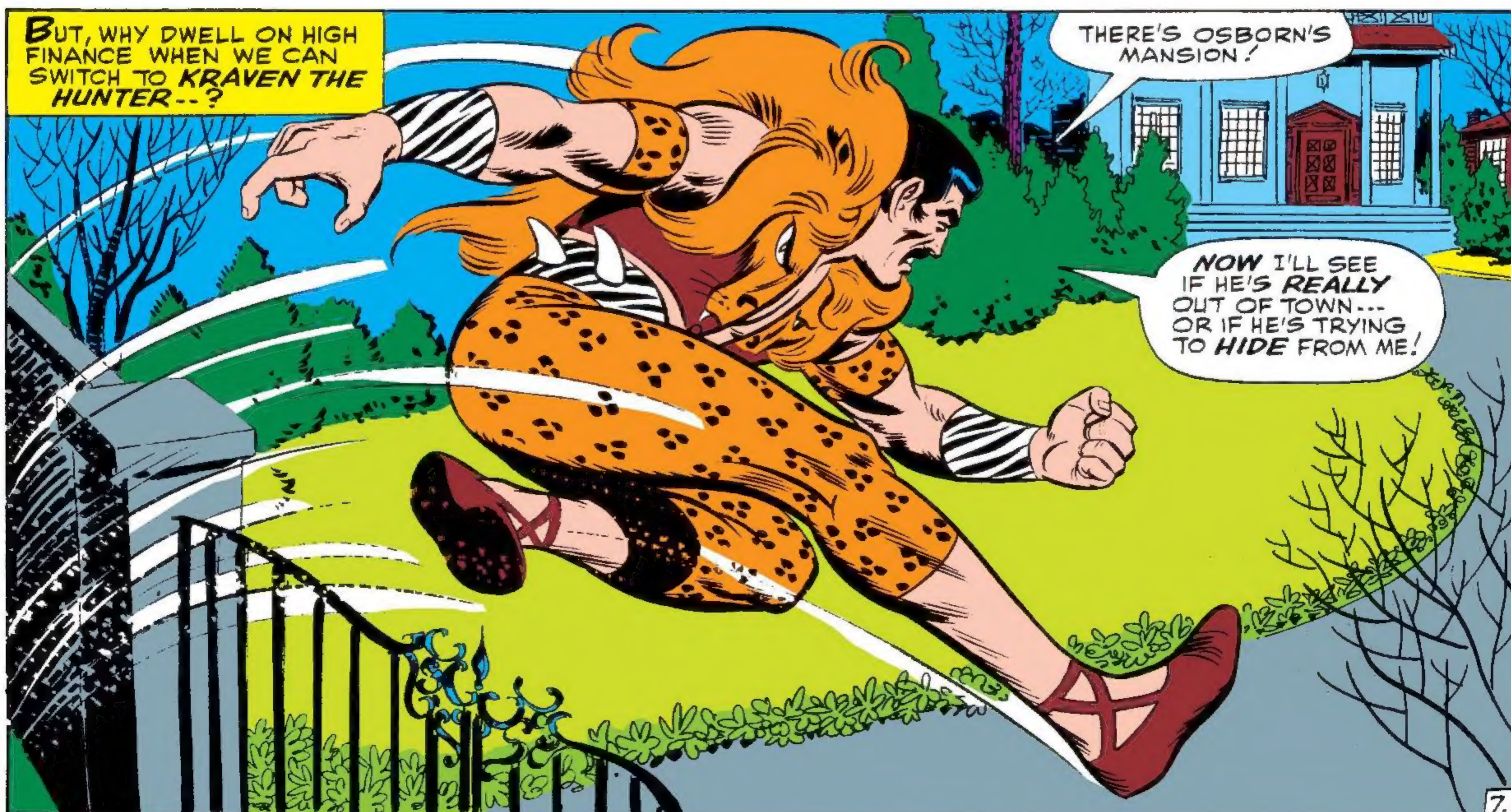
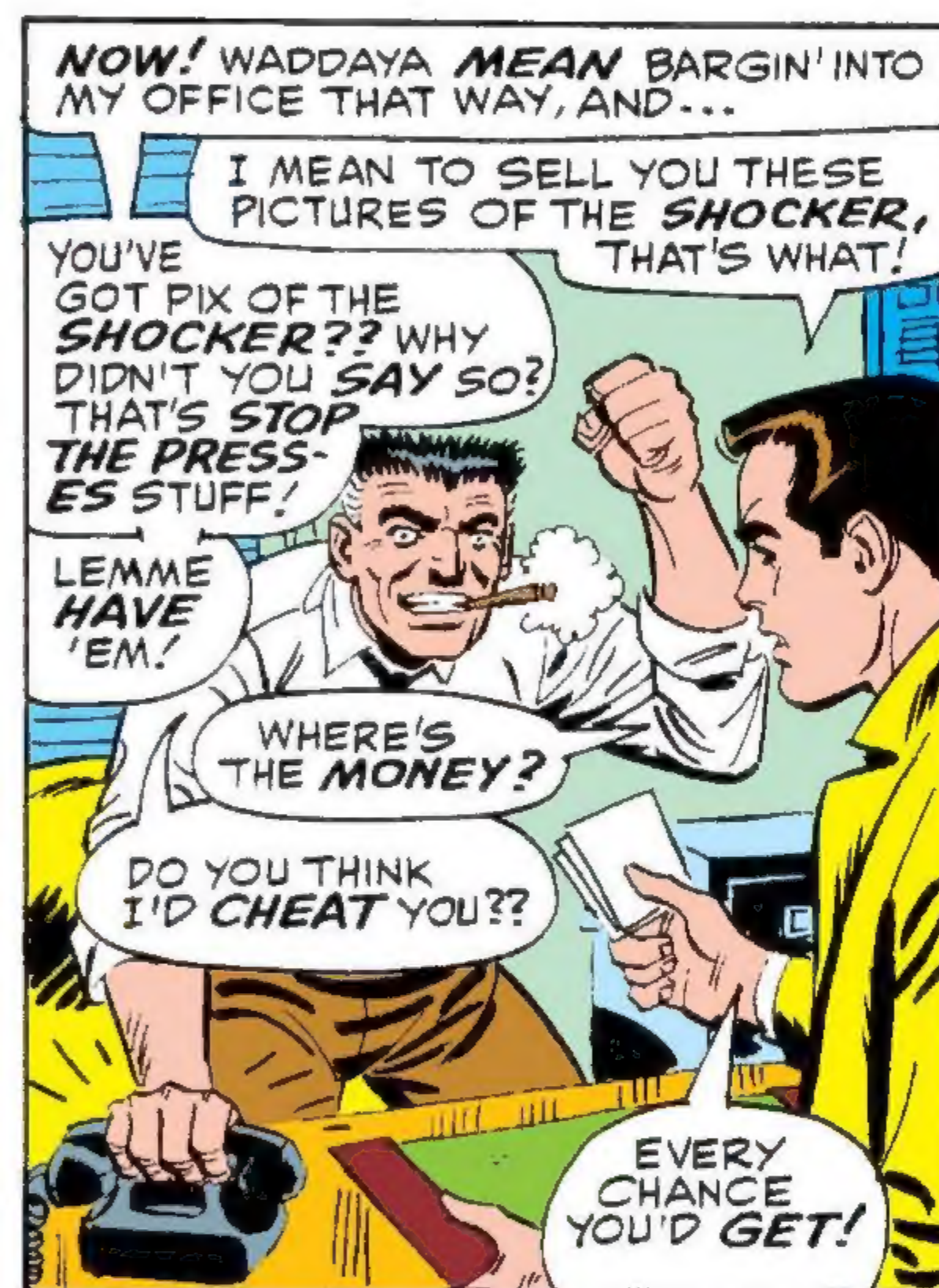
THEY MIGHT GET A CHARGE OUT OF COMING TO FLASH'S **PARTY**, ALSO!

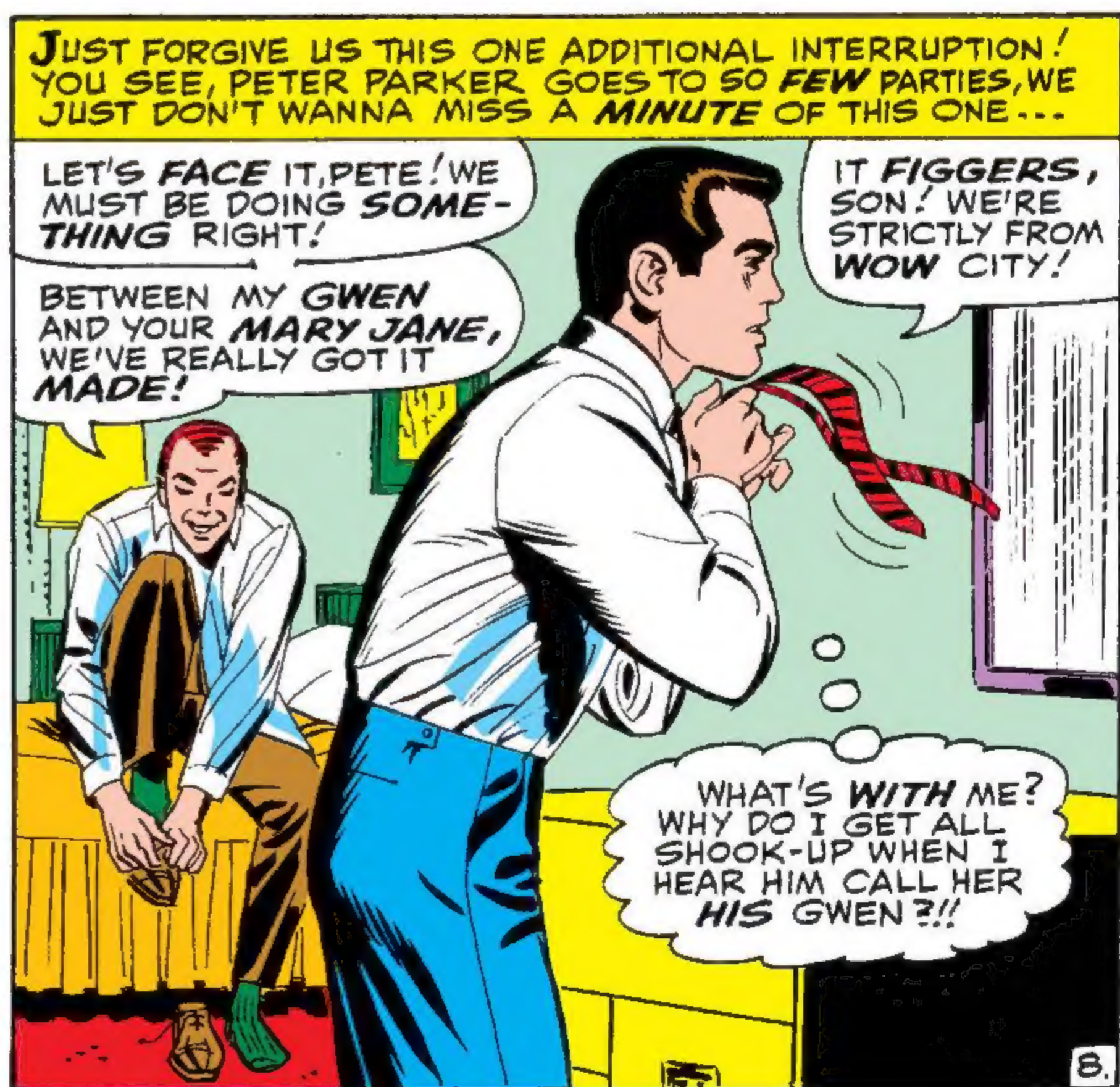
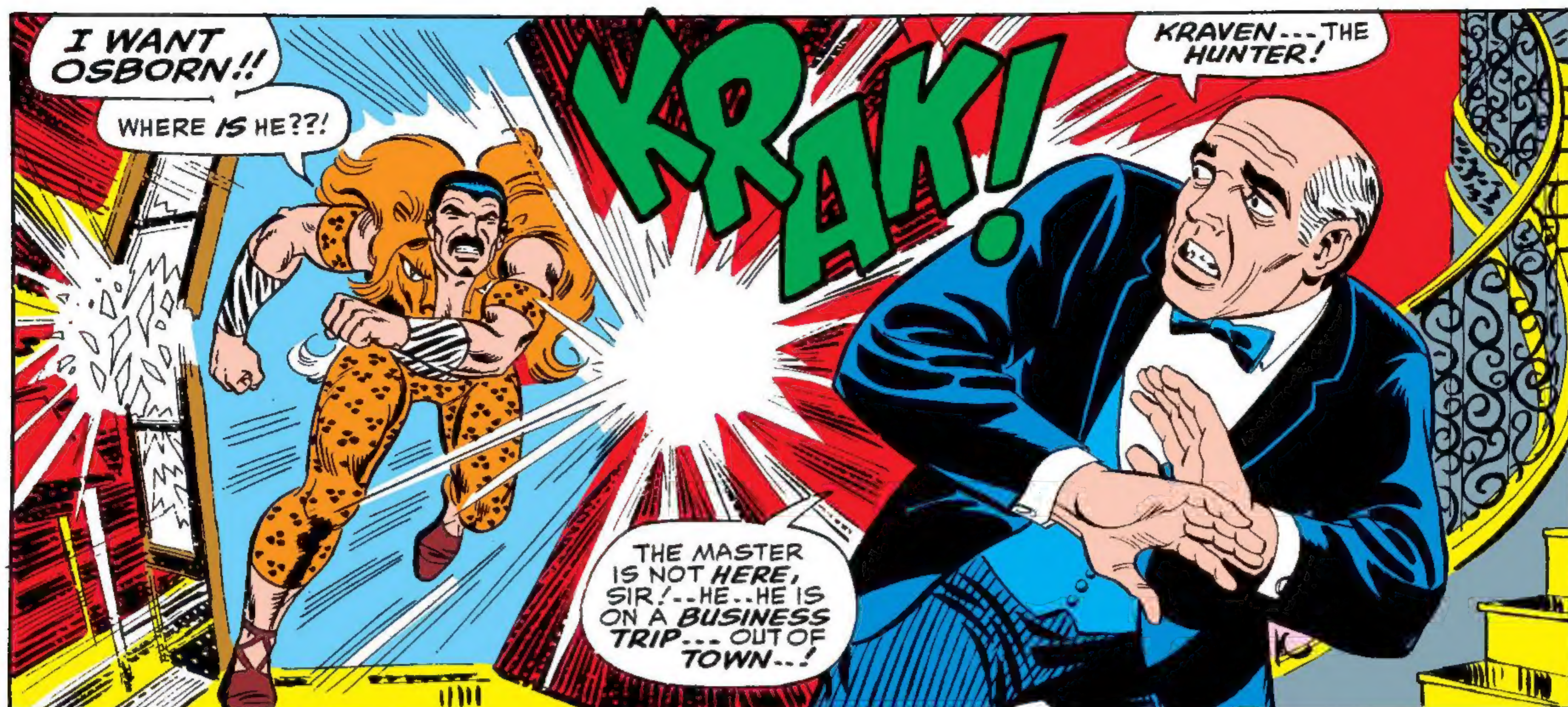
WHERE ARE YOU TWO **GOING**?? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WORK TILL **NOON** AROUND HERE!

BUT IT IS **NOON**, MR. JAMESON!

BAH! I NEVER COULD STAND **CLOCK-WATCHERS**!

SOUNDS LIKE J.J.J. IS IN HIS USUAL **MONDAY MORNING MOOD**!





ATTENTION SPIDO-PHILES: IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING WHY WE'RE MAKING WITH ALL THE MOON-JUNE JAZZ WHEN WE'VE GOT A CAT LIKE **KRAVEN** JUST WAITING TO BE UNLEASHED... DON'T LOSE YOUR COOL...!



IT'S ALL GONNA DOVETAIL TOGETHER AND TURN INTO A SYMPHONY OF ACTION... OR ANYWAY, THAT'S THE WAY WE **PLANNED** IT!
... SMILEY!



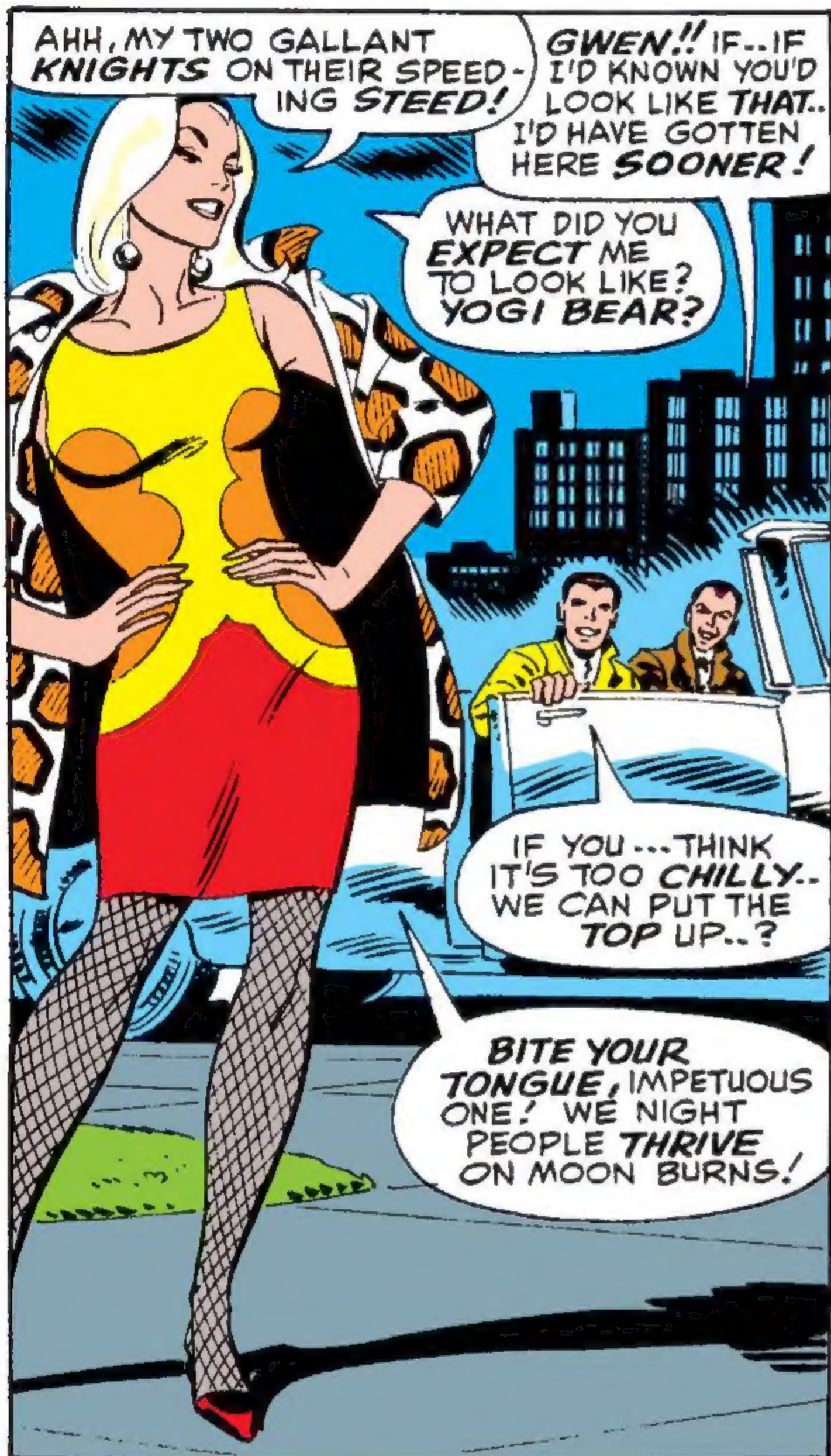
GOOD THING YOU'VE GOT THIS **BOAT**, HARRY!

WE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO PICK UP BOTH GALS ON MY **CYCLE**!

ALTHOUGH...IT MIGHT BE FUN TO TRY!

I MAY HAVE TO TRADE THIS CAR IN SOON...IT NEEDS A **WASH**!

LOOK! THERE'S **GWEN**!



AHH, MY TWO GALLANT **KNIGHTS** ON THEIR **SPEED-ING STEED**!

GWEN!! IF...IF I'D KNOWN YOU'D LOOK LIKE **THAT**.. I'D HAVE GOTTEN HERE **SOONER**!

WHAT DID YOU **EXPECT** ME TO LOOK LIKE? **YOGI BEAR**?

IF YOU...**THINK** IT'S TOO **CHILLY**.. WE CAN PUT THE **TOP UP**..?

BITE YOUR TONGUE, IMPETUOUS ONE! WE NIGHT PEOPLE **THRIVE** ON MOON BURNS!

IT'S THE SAME OLD STORY OF MY **LIFE**.. ALL OVER AGAIN!

WHEN I FIRST **MET** GWEN, AND SHE SORT'A TOOK A **SHINE** TO ME, I WAS TOO BUSY WALTZIN' AROUND WITH THE **MOLTEN MAN**, THE **SCORPION**, AND A DOZEN OTHER **BADDIES** TO GIVE HER THE TIME OF DAY!

BUT **NOW**... WITH EVERYTHING NICE AND **PEACEFUL**... AND WITH GWEN SENDING ME INTO **ORBIT** WHENEVER I LOOK AT HER... SHE SUDDENLY FORGOT MY **NAME**!

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE **FLASH'S** **FACE** WHEN WE GIVE HIM HIS **SEND-OFF**!

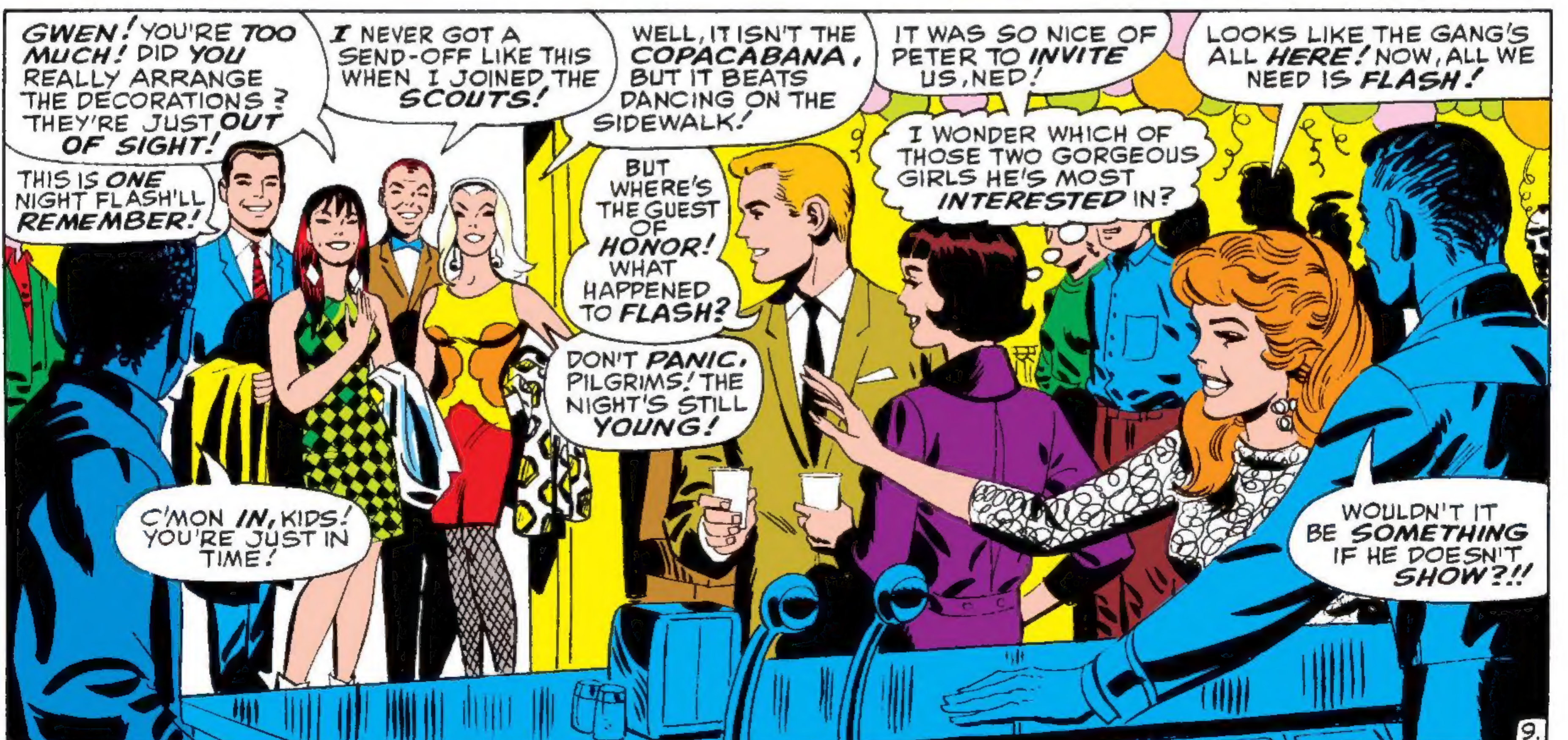
AND, SPEAKING OF **FACES**... THERE'S **M.J.**...!

HI, MARY JANE! **HOP IN**... WE'RE ALL SET!

WHO NEEDS A **CAR**? WHEN THERE'S A **PARTY** TO GO TO, I CAN LIKE **FLY** ALL THE WAY!

SHE MAY NOT **GRAB** ME AS MUCH AS GWEN... BUT NO-BODY CAN SAY **THAT** GAL ISN'T 100% **DREAMVILLE**!

AND NOW, TO PROVE THIS REALLY ISN'T OUR VERSION OF PEYTON PLACE, WE'RE GONNA SKIP THE ENTIRE RIDE TO THE SODA PARLOR AND DELIVER YOU TO THE **SCENE ONE-TWO-THREE**...!



GWEN! YOU'RE TOO **MUCH**! DID YOU REALLY ARRANGE THE DECORATIONS? THEY'RE JUST **OUT OF SIGHT**!

THIS IS **ONE** NIGHT **FLASH**'LL REMEMBER!

C'MON **IN**, KIDS! YOU'RE JUST IN **TIME**!

I NEVER GOT A **SEND-OFF** LIKE THIS WHEN I JOINED THE **SCOUTS**!

WELL, IT ISN'T THE **COPACABANA**, BUT IT BEATS DANCING ON THE **SIDEWALK**!

BUT WHERE'S THE **GUEST OF HONOR**? WHAT HAPPENED TO **FLASH**?

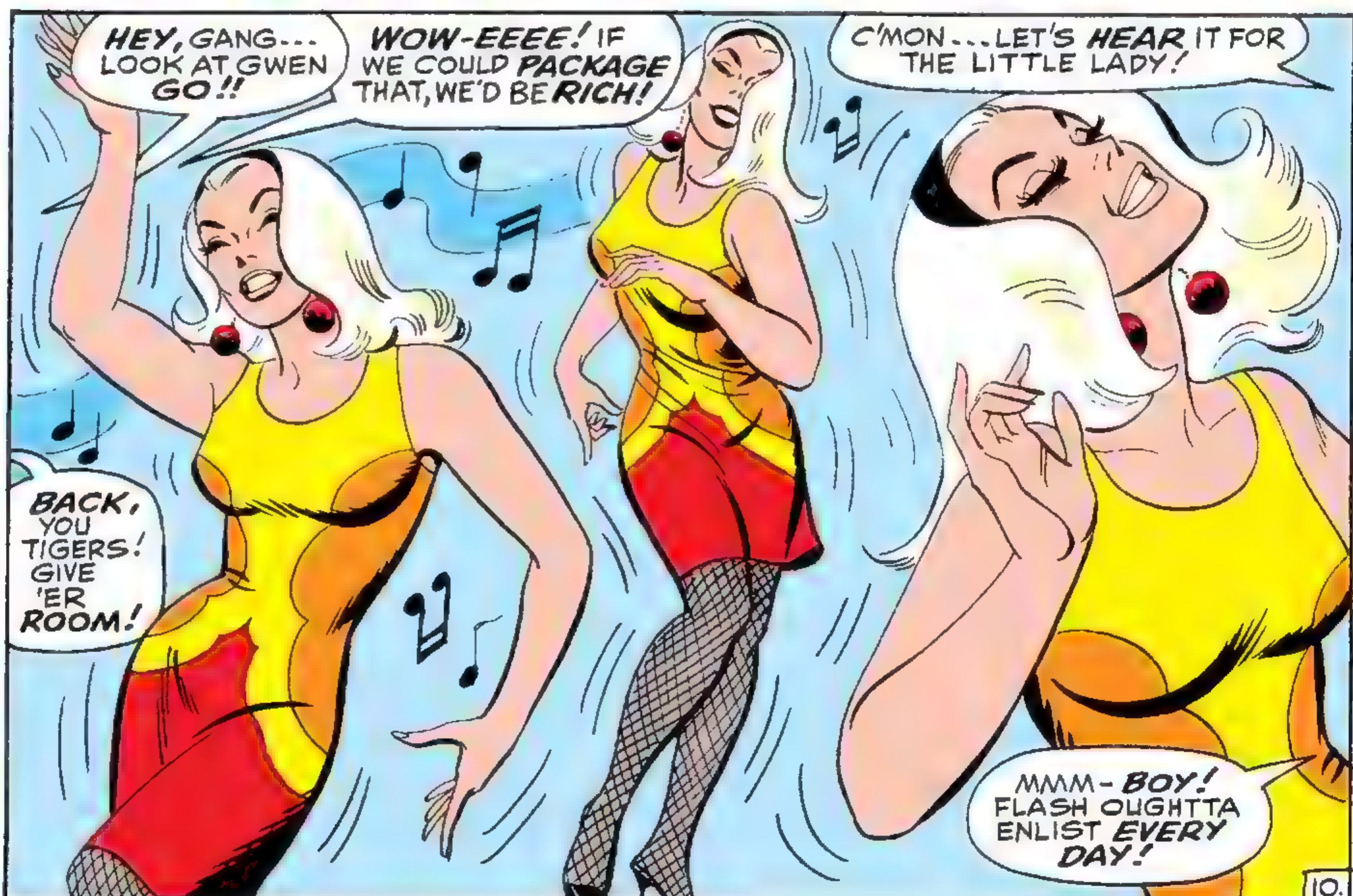
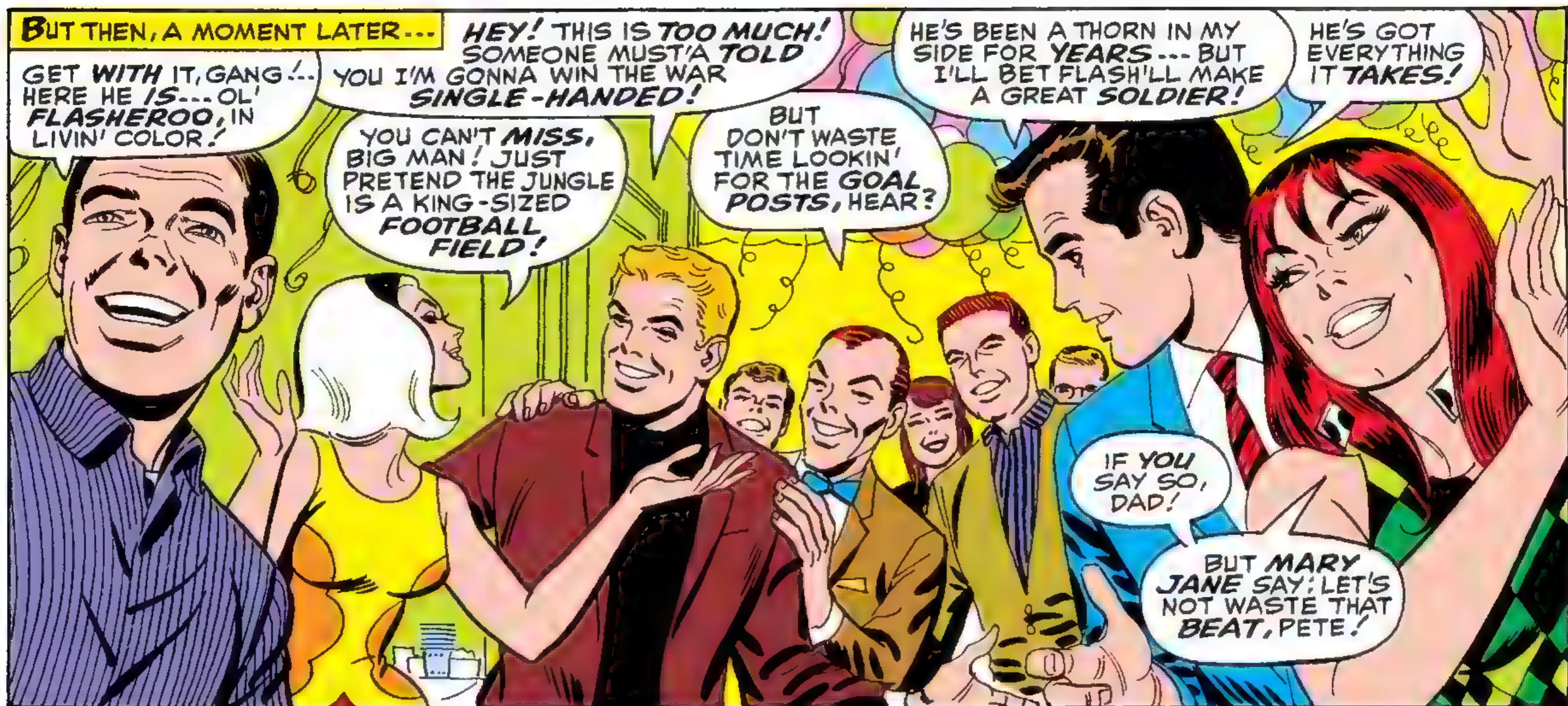
DON'T **PANIC**, PILGRIMS! THE NIGHT'S STILL **YOUNG**!

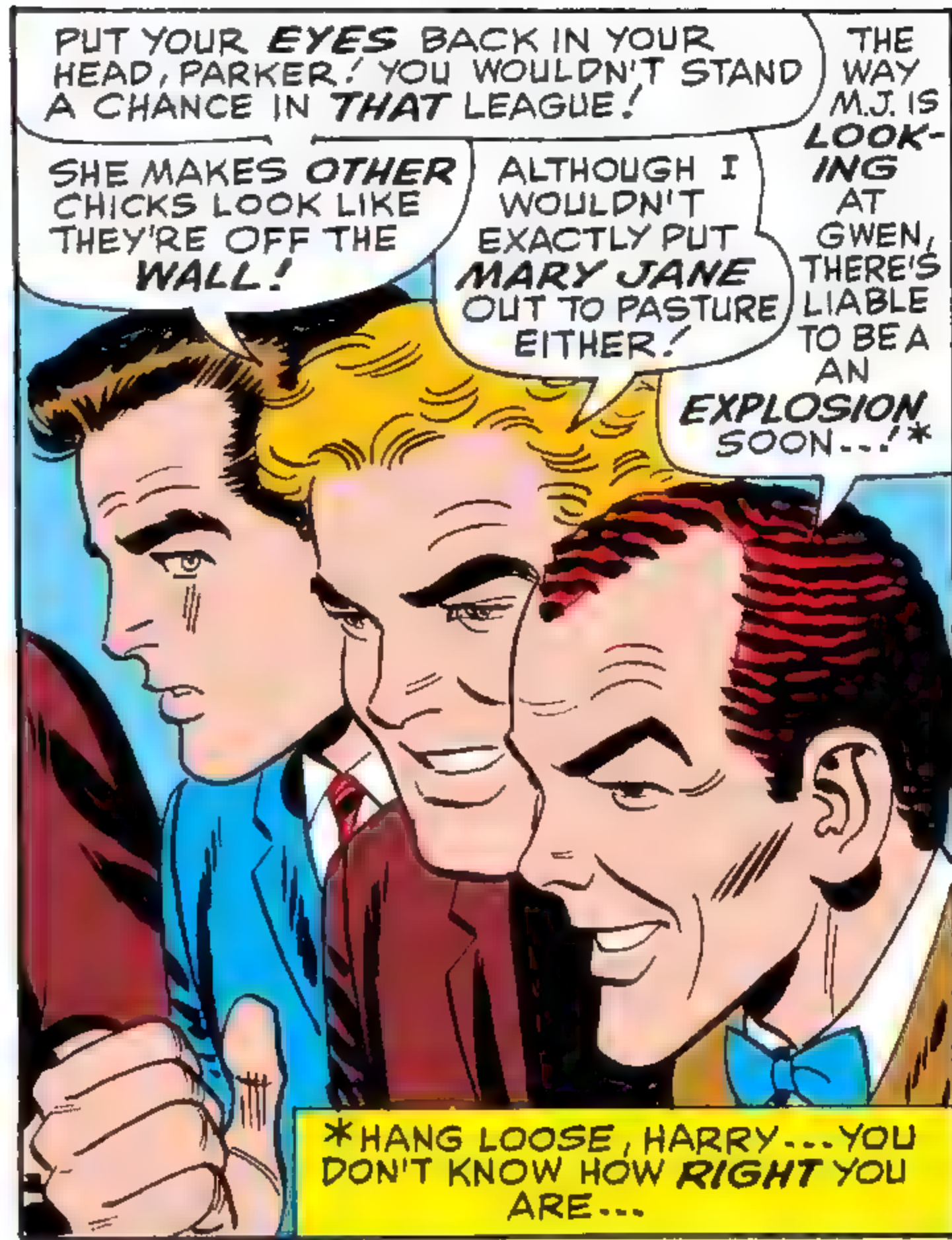
IT WAS SO NICE OF **PETER** TO **INVITE** US, NED!

I WONDER WHICH OF THOSE TWO **GORGEOUS** GIRLS HE'S MOST **INTERESTED** IN?

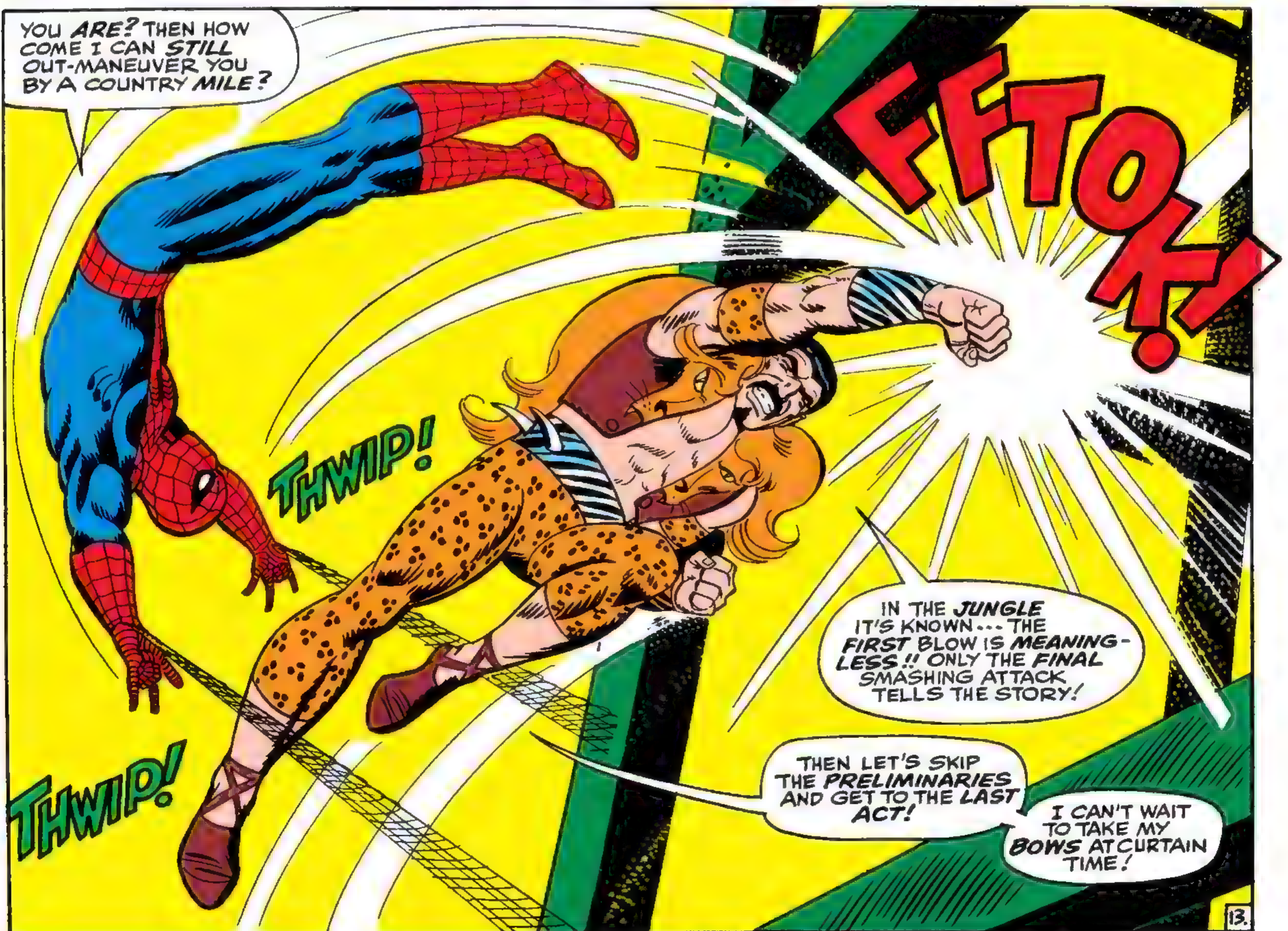
LOOKS LIKE THE **GANG'S** ALL **HERE**! NOW, ALL WE NEED IS **FLASH**!

WOULDN'T IT BE **SOMETHING** IF HE DOESN'T **SHOW**??!











BY THE WAY, NATURE BOY... DID YOU KNOW YOU HURT MY FEELINGS?

I ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS NUMBER ONE ON YOUR HATE PARADE!...

SO HOW COME YOU MADE SUCH A BIG THING ABOUT WANTING NORMAN OSBORN?

SO! YOU WON'T TALK, EH?

SPIDER-MAN SAVED ME! IF NOT FOR HIM...!

WE'D BETTER GET YOU OUT OF SIGHT, HARRY... JUST IN CASE!

ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE KRAVEN BIT OFF MORE THAN HE COULD CHEW WHEN HE TACKLED SPIDEY!



I'M NOT DENYIN' THAT YOU'RE PROBABLY MR. BIG IN THE JUNGLE...

KRAVEN'S ACHILLES HEEL IS HIS PRIDE!

BUT THIS IS THE BIG TIME, MAN... AND YOU'RE STRICTLY BUSH LEAGUE HERE!

THE MORE I TAUNT HIM, THE MORE CARELESS HE'LL BE!

COME ON, HARRY... WE'LL HELP YOU GET INDOORS! THE POLICE SHOULD BE HERE SOON!

KEEP TALKING, WEB-SLINGER! YOU'RE JUST RECITING YOUR OWN OBITUARY!

THANKS, GWEN! AND... FLASH... YOU WERE GREAT... THE WAY YOU... TRIED TO HELP...

FORGET IT, PAL!

HEY! YOU'RE MISSING THE WHOLE BIT!

LIKE, TALK ABOUT A HAPPENING...!

IF ONLY PETEY WOULD GET HERE WITH HIS COOL KODAK!



GO WITH THEM, BETTY! GET TO SOME PLACE OF SAFETY, INDOORS!

NO, NED! I WANT TO STAY WITH YOU! IF THERE'S ANY DANGER HERE, WE'LL SHARE IT TOGETHER!

I GOT TO CONTACT THE BUGLE AND CALL IN THE STORY! THIS IS A REAL FRONT PAGE EXTRA SCOOP!

I REMEMBER... WHEN I WENT STEADY WITH PETER... HOW I'D WORRY WHENEVER HE LEFT ME TO PHOTOGRAPH A DANGEROUS STORY!

BUT, IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO NED... I COULDN'T BEAR IT!

ALL RIGHT, HONEY... BUT STAY CLOSE TO ME, HEAR?



AND SO...

THAT'S RIGHT, JJ... IT'S KRAVEN THE HUNTER, BACK AGAIN!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE CAME FROM... BUT HE'S BATTLING SPIDER-MAN RIGHT NOW!

SO FAR IT LOOKS LIKE SPIDEY'S FIGHT... BUT I CAN'T BE SURE!

KRAVEN HASN'T GOTTEN HIS LICKS IN YET!

IT'S LUCKY SPIDER-MAN POPPED UP! KRAVEN WAS AFTER A KID NAMED HARRY OSBORN!



HARRY OSBORN? I KNOW HIS FATHER, NORMAN! HE'S A FELLOW CLUB MEMBER OF MINE!

YOU STAY GLUED TO THE SPOT, LEEDS! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

HOW ABOUT PICTURES? ANY SIGN OF PETER PARKER AROUND THERE? NUTS!! JUST WHEN I NEED HIM THE MOST!

GET YOUR COAT, FOSWELL! WE'RE OFF TO SEE THAT WEB-HEAD GET HIS LUMPS!

I HOPE KRAVEN DEMOLISHES HIM!

BUT SPIDEY'S THE GOOD GUY, ISN'T HE?

SAY THAT AGAIN, AND YOU'LL BE BACK COVERING CAKE-BAKE CONTESTS!

NOW LET'S GO!

